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SUBJ: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION: SAUDI ARABIAN AMBASSADOR

AHMAD 'ABD AL JABBAR

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1. AHMAD 'ABD AL JABBAR WAS BORN IN MECCA IN 1920. HE RECEIVED HIS EARLY EDUCATION THERE AND IN BEIRUT. HE GRADUATED FROM AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT IN 1943. IN 1945 HE ACCOMPANIED FAISAL TO THE FOUNDING SESSION OF THE UN IN SAN FRANCISCO. IN 1946 AS HIS FIRST DIPLOMATIC ASSIGNMENT HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE SAUDI LEGATION IN WASHINGTON WHERE HE REMAINED UNTIL 1955. WHILE IN WASHINGTON 'ABD AL JABBAR ATTAINED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE FROM GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY.

2. AT TIMES IN HIS CAREER 'ABD AL JABBAR HAS BEEN QUITE CLOSE TO KING FAISAL. HE IS BROTHER-IN-LAW OF RASHAD PHARAON, ONE OF THE KING'S MOST TRUSTED ADVISORS. IN 1955 FAISAL, WHO WAS THEN PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, APPOINTED 'ABD AL JABBAR TO THE NUMBER TWO POSITION IN THE BUREAU OF THE PRESIDENCY WHERE HE DEALT WITH POLITICAL AFFAIRS AND HAD THE RANK OF DEPUTY MINISTER. IN 1960 HE WAS NAMED SAUDI ARABIA'S FIRST AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN AND IN 1963 WAS ASSIGNED TO BONN. HE MOVED AS AMBASSADOR TO ITALY AFTER DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH GERMANY WERE SERVED  
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IN 1966 AND HAS BEEN THERE EVER SINCE.

3. 'ABD AL JABBAR HAS HAD GOOD RELATIONS WITH OFFICIAL AMERICANS IN SAUDI ARABIA AND ABROAD AND IS CONSIDERED WELL DISPOSED TOWARD THE US.

4. 'ABD AL JABBAR IS REPORTED TO HAVE USED HIS OFFICIAL POSITION IN ITALY TO HIS FINANCIAL ADVANTAGE BY ACTING AS MIDDLEMAN BETWEEN ITALIAN INTERESTS WANTING TO DO BUSINESS IN SAUDI ARABIA AND SAUDI BUSINESS INTERESTS, PARTICULARLY RASHAD PHARAON'S SON GHAYTH.  
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